



MEETING MINUTES

November 30, 2006

10:30-12:30pm

Arizona Department of Transportation
1st Floor Board Room
206 S. 17th Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85007-3213

Participants: John Anderson, Rex Critchfield, Jim Dickey, Rich Gaar, Olivia Guerrero, Michael Hegarty, Maxine Leather, Linda Martin, Amy St. Peter, Marie Lopez-Rogers

Tele-conference: Cherie Campbell (connection could not be established)

Absent: Brian Babiars, Anna Maria Chavez, Ann Froio, Martin Ince, , Mack Luckie, Michael Medoro, Jim Murphy, Ken Sweet

Staff present: Eileen Colleran, Rick Evans, Gregg Kiely, Shandra Olsson, Steve Rost

Public present: Kathryn Chandler, Jess Segovia

I. Open Meeting and Introductions

Jim Dickey (Chair): The meeting was called to order at 10:32 am by Jim Dickey. A quorum was established. Members introduced themselves.

II. Approval of June 6th minutes

Jim Dickey: The Council approved the June 6th meeting minutes as written.

III. Vehicle Insurance Program Update

Rick Evans: Rick summarized his findings on insurance. He distributed his Insurance Summary white paper on: What we know; What we should do; and, What we should not do. Comment and discussion followed that focused on Rick's guidance that, at this time, movement of the Council and partners toward adopting a new or different pooling mechanism(s) for providers was not advisable. Based on his investigation, there were no clear-cut indicators that alternatives held significant advantage for success over existing models.

IV. GOHS Grant Opportunities

Michael Hegarty: (This item was taken out of sequence and moved up in the agenda.) Michael reported that the GOHS grant funds we applied for last March went to combat alcohol-related crashes and promote motorcycle safety around Arizona. The funds used in that capacity will allow a continuance in providing law enforcement with the tools necessary to remove impaired drivers and to educate both motorcyclists and motorists to share the road. Michael counseled that future requests might better focus on providing new/untried training methodologies.

V. Arizona Rides Strategic Plan and Council Guidance

Steve Rost: Steve presented the draft strategic plan for the Council that was developed during the past months by a sub-committee composed of Council members. There was extended discussion on the future of the Council, its role and responsibilities going into its second year. Good progress was made by the sub-committee on the draft, however, it was decided that the sub-committee should reconvene and re-address the locally-identified transportation-related issues that the Council could review. As the discussion continued, it was determined that agencies did not know or fully understand what others at the table did or could provide at the state and federal levels. Recommendations were made for key ADOT, AHCCCS, DES, and DHS members to describe the premise of their transportation program efforts; guidelines, methods, and funding for their service delivery; contracting issues; and their current state of affairs.

ACTION (Steve): Reconvene the sub-committee after the holidays. Deliver a second draft of outcomes of effective missions at the next meeting.

ACTION (Jim): Form a sub-committee or working group of key ADOT, AHCCCS, DES, and DHS members.

VI. Final Pinal County Rides Update

Rick Evans, Olivia Guerrero: Rick mentioned that his contract in supporting Pinal Rides was coming to a conclusion in December. He would attend the next meeting (12/19), however it would be his last in this capacity. Olivia presented the Pinal Rides portion. They were still looking for a dedicated sponsor, and she would be the sponsor for the 6-month demonstration pilot. Their corridor service will begin Tuesday, December 5th on the Florence, Coolidge, Casa Grande run, and Thursday, December 7th on the Eloy, Casa Grande, Maricopa run. Projected costs for the 6-month pilot are estimated in the \$25-30K range. Pilot program Operating Policies and Procedures have been created in booklet form that cover purpose, background, project goals, and organizational structure, along with vehicle schedule, trip scheduling, data gathering and monitoring, vehicle monitoring among other topics. United Way was the first to step up by offering \$2K out of the \$5.6K for initial costs. Olivia also said that she was able to secure Local Transportation Assistance Funds II (LTAF II)

funds from several communities to assist with the project and that this will at least provide some short-term stability the Pinal coordination committee had been very concerned about.

VII. Joint Purchasing Programs

Rex Critchfield, Katherine Babonis, Gregg Kiely: Discussion of this topic was postponed and rescheduled for the next meeting.

VIII. Arizona Rides Annual Report

Steve Rost: Copies of the Annual Report were distributed for review and written comment. Steve briefly covered the main topics of the report and highlighted the accomplishments of the past year. The Looking Ahead section included further implementation of the Arizona Rides Action Plan with assistance from current federal grants, and focused on regional coordination planning efforts.

ACTION (Council members): Any changes need to be provided to Steve Rost by December 15th.

IX. Arizona Rural Transit Needs Study Update

Jim Dickey: Jim described the study as a joint undertaking by ADOT and the Arizona Transit Association—which is providing the local matching funds. It is designed to provide up-to-date data which will identify and start to fill in some gaps, and provide a more complete picture of capital needs statewide. This will better enable the Department and its partners to convey to decision-makers future funding and other support needs.

X. Roundtable

Council members: Council members were provided an opportunity to share information from their agency/organization.

XI. Call to the Public

Jim Dickey: There were no public comments.

XII. Agenda Items/Meeting Schedule

Jim Dickey: Suggested agenda items include:
Strategic Plan Update (Council role continuation)
Next meeting date: TBD

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 pm.

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